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Subject: Certain Plans of the Ukrainian Organizations

1. A number of the leading Ukrainians now in this country, including the officers of the general organization which now comprises almost all Americans of Ukrainian descent, have become very dissatisfied with what they believe to be a runaround that they are getting.

2. These Ukrainians feel that the time has come to make a serious practical test of whether it is possible to supply aid for the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA). They want this test to be carried out in a responsible manner, both from the political and material point of view. They are anxious to act in a fully collaborative way in relation to the United States government, its agencies, and its policies.

3. Nevertheless they feel that the government agencies, both civilian and military, had not been acting seriously. There has been a considerable amount of talk, but very little action. The emptiness is especially apparent to the UPA.

4. The Ukrainians have therefore decided that, unless something definite is done (not merely promise) in the immediate future, they are going ahead on their own. Among other things, they propose to make a public appeal for funds and support for the UPA. It would then be their plan to utilize these funds under the private control of themselves and a committee of sponsors.

5. I believe that it is very undesirable for this to go forward as an independent and anarchic move. The Ukrainian question, in both its political and material aspects, is one of the most delicate of all. Moves in relation to it should be carefully handled, and should be fitted in the general development of policy and action. The Ukrainians are, so far as I can judge, entirely prepared to collaborate in a loyal and responsible manner, and to fit their own interests into the over-all development of policy. However, they will not wait any longer to take some definite steps in advance. Above all, they are not willing to wait longer in relation to the attempt to supply material aid to the UPA.

6. I propose that an immediate decision be made with reference to the problem herein discussed. I request that I be notified as soon as such a decision is taken.

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